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A winter storm blasted the campus last week, causing classes to be closed on Friday and Saturday, then delayed on Monday. This gave many students a much needed break and a chance to cut loose. (Pacer Photo/Tom Parrish)

UTM responds to State of Union speech

Spencer Taylor
Managing Editor

President Obama delivered his State of the Union address last Wednesday to Congress and, more importantly, to a nation seeking answers in troubled times.

UTM students and faculty shared their opinions with *The Pacer* regarding not only Obama's speech, but also their reflections on his first year in office.

Michael Boyd, a freshman Political Science major, was enthusiastic over Obama's address last Wednesday.

"President Obama's State of the Union address was incredible politics. In a country where there seems to be a growing independent movement, President Obama set himself up to be very centrist on the majority of issues. His speech reminded me why I liked him so much during the campaign, but a speech is just words. Let's see if those words become action," Boyd said.

Christopher Capua, a sophomore Music Education major, shared a few concerns about the nation and also on Obama's first year in office.

"Overall, I felt Obama's State of the Union address was true to his campaign persona of being a progressive, but at the same time bothered me somewhat. After his first year in office, I've lost some (not all) respect for him," Capua said.

"As far as getting bills passed, a lot of it is out of his control. The majority of the congressmen and women in Washington are being stubborn and spiteful when it comes to getting things done."

Boyd, too, said that his overall impression of Obama and his administration has declined.

"My opinion of the president has declined over his first year in office but still remains positive. I believe his administration has failed to live up to the level of transparency he promised during the campaign. I also feel that his handling of the health care legislation shows that he might have issues in the future organizing his party over major legislation if he must continue to face an obstructionist party," Boyd said.

To Capua, one issue stood out most against all others addressed during Obama's speech.

"The issue that concerned me the most, though, was the Supreme Court ruling that will allow corporations to spend freely to support or oppose candidates. The conservative justices sitting on the bench essentially said that money equals speech and the corporations are human beings that deserve First Amendment

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Winter Storm 2010

Randy Cavin
News Editor

UTM stays safe by canceling classes

With an expected winter storm approaching, UTM's administration made the decision early Friday morning to cancel classes and close all offices for Friday and Saturday.

Even though the snow had yet to start falling by the time the decision was made at 5:30 a.m., campus officials believed the decision was needed to keep the campus community safe.

Al Hooten, vice chancellor of Finance and Administration, said he began watching the storm several days in advance. The storm was expected to hit the area late Thursday night or early Friday morning, but the

weather system had slowed down, Hooten said.

"As with all weather systems, things change. This system began to slow but was updated to arrive at 3 a.m. Friday morning."

"I was up at that time and a check of the weather radar showed freezing rain in the area, but this was not verified by visual inspection. Apparently cold dry air was coming in faster, causing the precipitation to evaporate before hitting the ground," Hooten said.

Reports from the Tennessee Highway Patrol started coming in about 4 a.m. Friday, showing that icy road conditions were

starting to occur across West Tennessee.

Hooten said he based his decision on these reports and weather updates.

"At 4 a.m. highway patrol noted freezing in Memphis and Jackson. By 4:45 freezing road conditions were reported in Milan and the Reelfoot area. Based upon forecasts and road conditions the decision was made to close campus and this was shared with all media outlets, our Web page and through our campus emergency notification system," Hooten said.

He added that the Emergency Text Messaging

System the university recently upgraded sent out 4,000 messages in 30 seconds.

"We encourage more students, faculty and staff to sign up for the emergency notification. Although we sent 4,000 messages, that is about half of where I would prefer us to be," Hooten said.

He said most of the sidewalks and entrances to the buildings were cleared by Saturday afternoon, although there were still some icy patches remaining on some of the sidewalks when classes resumed Monday.

"I appreciate greatly the efforts of our grounds crew

in clearing the sidewalks and our custodial crews in clearing entrances to buildings. These dedicated individuals hazarded the road conditions to arrive at 6 a.m. Saturday to clean sidewalks and entrances so that we would not be overly impacted as we move about campus. Today (Monday) they were here again at 6 a.m. to treat icy patches as they are found," Hooten said.

The last time UTM canceled classes because of inclement weather was in late February 2006. Before then, the campus closed in January 2003.

KFVS, Channel 12, in Cape Girardeau, Mo., reported Martin received 7 inches of snow, with Union City receiving 8 inches.

'Take a dive for recycling' next on agenda for UTM Recycles

Erica Davis
Pacer Writer

The UTM Recycles! meeting was held Thursday, Jan. 28, in the room behind the UC cafeteria to discuss the upcoming weeks.

One big dilemma is Ripley schools want to participate in recycling, but getting the bins to them is a huge problem as well as how to get them back to UTM to compost the materials. Ripley is 75 minutes from Martin. The matter is going to be discussed with Yvonne Jones, who is in charge of the Ripley Center to see if something can be done.

UTM kicked off a major recycling event, Recyclemania, on Feb. 1. It is an eight-week program where students along with the community of Weakley County recycle paper, plastics, cans and glassware.

Yesterday, Dr. Heidi Huse of English spoke to the Presidents Roundtable about the positive benefits that recycling can

do, along with the upcoming events that will take place from now through Earth Week.

"Take a Dive for Recycling," is another event coming up March 1-5, and will involve dumpster diving for recyclable materials.

Another meeting topic was the budget; they are able to get more money if they can get approved as a (501)(c)(3) non-profit organization, which in turn will let the organization sign for grants, gift cards, and certain tax exemptions. This is hard to receive because the recycle program is not part of UTM; it is actually a group of people who care about the world and what they can do to help keep it clean, even though the bins and compost service are all located on campus.

Some interesting facts include: in one week, 500 pounds or two bales are recycled, including plastic, bottles, cans and drinking glasses. The No. 1 recycled item is plastic.



One of the events slated for Earth Week is "take a dive for Recycling," where students will climb in to the dumpsters around campus looking for recyclable materials. (Pacer Photo/Randy Cavin)

By not having trays in the UC cafeteria, the budget has saved \$164,000 and the compost was 600 pounds.

"By cutting back the trays in the UC it has saved a lot of

money and helped a lot with the recycling program," Huse said.

UTM Recycles! wants more people to get involved in what they said is a really good cause.

The group's next meeting is set for Tuesday, Feb. 16. Look for fliers around campus for more information or contact Huse to learn more information about recycling.

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Tomorrow, 34 percent chance of showers with a high of 43. Friday, 40 percent chance of showers with a high of 41.

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Editorial: Closing wise choice in snow

Wow.

UTM closed on Friday, Jan. 29, before the first snowflakes even fell.

We thank all who had a hand in that decision because we believe it was absolutely the right decision.

Of course, waking up Friday to a gray sky and no snow made us all wonder whether the predicted bad weather would miss us again, as it has so many times in the past. But it showed up about middle of the morning and hung on through Saturday morning, thus validating the decision to keep UTM faculty, staff and students, particularly our many commuters, safe.

We also appreciate the fact that so many sidewalks were cleared off quickly, with the exception of the one from Gooch to Humanities, which still was treacherous Monday morning.

We believe starting classes later on Monday also was a good idea. If nothing else, it gave the sun a chance to work with the gravel and salt and accomplish a bit more clearing before the school day got under way and campus became more crowded.

Of course, being journalists, we do have one complaint.

We noticed that the Administration Building parking lot was scraped, but apparently the rest of the stadium lots and Football Building lot were not scraped. We know the student lots weren't scraped. We know some folks, faculty included, were parking illegally because the lots were still too slick for some to navigate on foot.

We don't want our administrators to get hurt, but neither do we want us or our teachers busting our butts on the ice. Perhaps where students walk and park should get cleared first. Just a thought. And hey, we got a snow day.

Stop playing with your food



JUSTIN HUNT
VIEWPOINTS EDITOR

When we turn on the television, we are constantly reminded of the problems still plaguing the little, earthquake-struck isle of Haiti. Homes have been destroyed. People are starving. And each day the hunger gets worse, and food becomes scarcer.

But before I point any fingers, I'll go ahead and tell you that I have not yet contributed anything to any recovery efforts in Haiti. I'm not proud of that, but school costs have taken huge

amounts of money from my refund check.

Now, I'm not going to tell you to "do your part" to contribute to the recovery efforts in Haiti. I'm not going to talk about how we forget that Haiti's recent problems of crime, homelessness, and hunger extend to all corners of the globe.

Instead, let's talk about people who have put their priorities in the wrong places. Last Tuesday I walked into the cafeteria to eat my lunch, and UTM was having a little something they called Cereal Day, which was just an eating contest with those little serving-size boxes of cereal.

In general, eating contests (for any type of food) are disgusting on at least two levels. First, shoving so much

food into your mouth that your internal organs must shift to the side so your stomach doesn't rupture just doesn't seem enjoyable, healthy, or even human.

Second, the amount of food being wasted on eating contests disturbs me. I can turn on ESPN and see coverage of Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest where 18 contestants can devour 670 hot dogs in 10 minutes flat.

Six hundred and seventy hot dogs. Eighteen people. Ten minutes. In an article published in a 2003 edition of the medical journal, The Lancet, 16,000 children die of hunger-related causes every day. That's one child every five seconds.

We don't think about world

hunger until tragic events like an earthquake in Haiti remind us.

Fortunately, the close proximity of Haiti to the United States triggered an outpouring of aid from many Americans.

Unfortunately, we allow events like Cereal Day to continue as part of our normal routine.

You would think that the timeliness of Haiti's tragic events would cause people to be cautious and sensitive for at least a little while. Naturally, as the news dies down and our lives resume their casual schedules, it is easy to forget events not directly affecting our lives.

But to me, I found it nauseating to watch students guzzle down boxes of cereal

when people are literally murdering one another for scraps of food in Haiti (and the rest of the world). Frankly, it's sad to think that people stoop to such low levels for entertainment's sake.

I can't be the one to cast the first stone. You won't find me shipping out all my non-perishable goods to starving children.

I mean, I enjoy eating a bag of chips or some canned corn or drinking a bottle of water. But I guarantee you won't find me sitting at a table in front of the school cafeteria, shoving as many spoonfuls of cereal as I possibly can into my face.

The irony of this situation is that cereal is so amazingly convenient to ship.

It's already in a box.

Nickelodeon, what happened to you?

John Nicholson
Guest Columnist

As the title says, I want to know what happened to the old school '90s Nickelodeon.

Where did all the good quality shows go, and why aren't there any good shows today? This is a question I always seem to bring up when I flip through the channels and come across another Spongebob Squarepants marathon or an old iCarly episode.

Now, don't get me wrong, these shows are funny to an extent, but they are not the classic gems I remember from my childhood -- shows like Rocko's Modern Life, Ren and Stimpy, Doug, Legends of the Hidden Temple, All

That, Kenan and Kel, Catdog, Invader Zim, and the list goes on and on.

I miss those days when no matter what time it was, if I turned the television on, there was something I wanted to watch.

Now there is no traditional lineup, it seems. Now when you tune in, it's sometimes random; I never see a pattern in what is being shown, or maybe it's just deeply hidden and I can't tell.

I've completely stopped watching this sad shell of what used to be a good channel.

Nick used to have Snick, the late-night Saturday lineup of all your favorite shows, and that's usually where new episodes would be aired, so you'd have something to look

forward to during the week. Now they just play whatever they have lying around in a pile of shows. Of course I'm exaggerating. I'm sure they are very professional, but it doesn't show.

The really sad thing is Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla., is gone; it doesn't exist anymore. My childhood was crushed when I heard this, literally crushed. That was in the list of top 10 places I want to visit before I die, and now it's gone.

That's right, the big globe slime fountain is gone, all the crazy mascots from the shows running around are gone, and the awesome building is now the Blue Man Group's storage shed. You read right, that building with the huge splu

logo on it is now a storage shed.

Nickelodeon has been heading on a steady decline since 2000. So, it is in fact the new millennium that killed Nickelodeon.

Now, I wouldn't be as mad about the network losing its luster if they put their shows on DVD so I could view them whenever I wanted, but no, Nickelodeon has not done this.

The only show I have seen that is on DVD is Invader Zim, which I own.

An even better idea for Nickelodeon is a retro channel dedicated to its prime shows of the '90s. It could be called Nick-Retro ... something as simple as that. I know I'd be watching that all the time if

it let me see my childhood favorites.

We know they have the money to open that channel. They already have several channels up and running: Nickelodeon, Noggin, Nicktoons and The N. Nicktoons was a hopeful program at first, with promises of showing all of Nick's cartoons, and at first they did.

But as the years went on, it pretty much has turned into Nick minus iCarly. Even if they didn't do this they could at least make a time slot in their weekend for a flashback to its roots. Like having classic Snick, or something like Retro Saturday Nights.

I don't see why they wouldn't, but that's just my opinion.

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"Nothing! Gimme \$30 million, and you'll never see my white ass again!"



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"He should pursue being a NBC exec so he can fire Leno."



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"He should join Monday Night Football - or better yet, replace Frank Caliendo on FOX."



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News

Work on soffit continues on Paul Meek Library to increase safety for all

Mary Jean Hall
Pacer Writer

The UTM Physical Plant Operations is working on the library to increase safety for the students and faculty.

According to the Physical Plant Operations Administration, the soffit on the library has had many issues from the wind within the past few years. The soffit is the underside of the library's overhang.

Especially with all of the storms that occurred last semester, the soffit was beginning to fall down on its own. Under the direction of the director of the physical plant, Tim Nipp, workers are replacing the soffit to increase the safety for the students.

The administration of the physical plant isn't quite sure of when the reconstruction will be complete. Work on the soffit can be delayed due to bad weather such as the recent snow storm.

"The construction is definitely beneficial since it is angled more toward the students' safety," said Bethany Henderson, a senior Ag Business major.

The workers do ask that the students and faculty stay outside of the construction zone. Having the minimum number of people in that area helps them to complete their job faster and more safely.



Work continues on the Paul Meek Library as two construction workers prepare to install the soffit, which is the underside of the library's overhang. (Pacer Photo/Tonya Jordan)

Opportunity theft, underage drinking top list of preliminary crime stats

Bruce Harbin
Pacer Writer

The Department of Public Safety has issued preliminary crime statistics that show that the two highest crimes on the UT Martin campus in 2009 were opportunity theft and underage drinking. Those preliminary statistics show that the opportunity theft rate has dropped from 2008, while underage drinking remains the same. Repeat offenses of underage drinking have dropped, however, while the number of underage drinking violations has remained constant.

"To combat the recidivism rate [of someone who is involved in underage drinking], we have found that early intervention greatly enhances the chances that that person won't repeat," said Capt. Ray Coleman, UT Martin Department of Public Safety. "That involves working with student conduct and putting them through program of alcohol awareness issues."

As for repeat offenders, Coleman says: "We have the student affairs and the court

system."

Combating opportunity theft, Coleman says, is about education and "making people aware through saturation of media." He also cites housing with being a big part of reminding students about thefts that have occurred on campus.

Two more high-profiled crimes that occurred on or around the campus in 2009 were the arrest of Tai Dante Young and the "Big Belled" rapist case.

A previous Pacer article reported that "Tai Dante Young, a freshman Marketing and Economics major at the time of his arrest, was arrested on campus by the UTM Public Safety and Martin police officers on Oct. 28. He was recently indicted by the January 2010 term of the Weakley County grand jury on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, drug paraphernalia and two charges of unlawful possession of firearms during a dangerous felony. Young is scheduled to appear before the Weakley County Circuit Court Feb. 4."

Also in another previous Pacer article, The "Big

Belled" rapist, Bruce Tuck, 36, "pleaded guilty to all six counts of aggravated rape. Tuck was sentenced to three 20 year prison terms for the rapes in each indictment with each one running consecutively for a total sentence of 60 years."

Besides playing a role in apprehending the "Big Belled" rapist, UTM officers also offered a personal comfort and reassurance to students on campus.

"Withdrawing from school definitely crossed my mind," said Alisha Tidwell, a 19-year-old Marketing major, after hearing about one of the rape victims.

Tidwell's roommate, Reilly Rowland, a 20-year-old Education Major, said, "It worried me because we could have been the next people he went after."

Rowland's mother called the office of Public Safety. An officer went to Rowland and Tidwell's apartment to answer any questions they had about safety and explain the measures that Public Safety was taking to ensure campus safety.

The officer "related to us on a personal level, was very professional, and explained

their [Public Safety's] procedures," said Tidwell. "After talking to him, he definitely reassured us."

Now, in addition to the Rape Aggressive Defense (RAD) program that had been in place before, a program called Sexual Assault Familiarization Exchange (SAFE) has been enacted. Coleman describes it as a two-hour sexual assault awareness program, instructed by officers from UTM Public Safety, Martin Police Department and Weakley County Sheriff's Department.

"It gives basic, generic self-defense areas," said Coleman. "What we are trying to do is make people aware that awareness and avoidance are 90 percent of prevention. We are very excited about that."

The SAFE program has been paid for by student organizations that had fundraisers specifically for the program.

The official Crime Statistics for 2009 will be posted by the middle of March, said Coleman. They can be viewed at the FBI website, fbi.state.tn.us.

Accreditation, Quality Enhancement Plan tops SGA's first session of semester

Regina Emery
Asst. Life Editor

UT Martin's next accreditation may not be coming up until 2013, but administrators are already working on a plan to make sure UTM fairs well.

During SGA's first session of the new semester, Dr. Richard Robinson, Professor of Communications, spoke to senators regarding a committee he is forming to aid UTM's accreditation process. This Quality Enhancement Plan, as it is being called, is aimed at bettering the university by addressing student issues.

To help develop a specific goal for the Quality Enhancement Plan, several faculty members and administrators were asked about what kinds of issues they were seeing. Answers included professional connections and even physical fitness, but the issue of information literacy won with 64% majority vote, said Robinson.

"Information literacy is something that hopefully all students should be concerned about, and the faculty is concerned about it as well. It means a student knows where to access information, evaluate the information and determine its validity, process it, and finally utilize it," Robinson explained.

Ultimately, Robinson's speech served two purposes: to inform SGA of what was going on around them, and to extend an invitation to help. As the democratic voice of the campus, those involved in the Plan are reaching out for a student ambassador to aid their progress and offer students' perspectives.

"This will be something that

you will be doing based on faith, that helps students that come behind you, much like the students who voted on the new student Recreation Center who will never step foot inside it," said Robinson. "Everyone needs to be involved in this to make it work. We'll appreciate any and all input at this point."

Also speaking from an Administrative standpoint Thursday night was University Center Director and SGA Advisor Steve Vantrease. He casually addressed the senators, asking for their experiences thus far with recent changes such as Sodexo's removal of the cafeteria trays—a move that SGA voted to support.

Not present however was Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Margaret Toston, whose continuous lack of attendance has several senators questioning her commitment to her position as an SGA advisor.

In other SGA news, Campus Observation Committee Chair Sammie Linton reported that his group was looking into potentially installing security cameras in the parking lots. Also brought up was the possibility of posting stop signs in the parking lots. The committee plans on talking to the Department of Public Safety this week to see if the ideas may become realities.

Rachel Stevens and the Academic Affairs Committee plan on sitting in on the next Faculty Senate meeting to gain their points of view on the priority registration debate. Meanwhile Jessica Weaver's Communications Committee promises to publish at least two more SGA newsletters this semester and hold another SGA Relations Day.

Federal rules squeezing snake owners

PIKEVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Proposed federal rules on importing and transporting some reptiles is leaving snake owners feeling squeezed over their ownership of constrictors.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is weighing regulations that are aimed at cutting down the populations of snakes such as boa constrictors and Burmese pythons, which recently have been found to thrive and multiply across South Florida.

The Chattanooga Times Free Press reports the proposed rules could come as federal law voted on by Congress or as an edict handed down from the Fish and Wildlife Service. The proposal would ban importation of nine large snake species into the United

States and also prohibit snake owners from taking the reptiles across state lines.

Researchers studying whether any of the species are capable of surviving winters in Georgia, South Carolina and other states are finding mixed results.

Snake owners, though, are opposing the rules, saying they unfairly restrict people from owning snakes that aren't causing any harm.

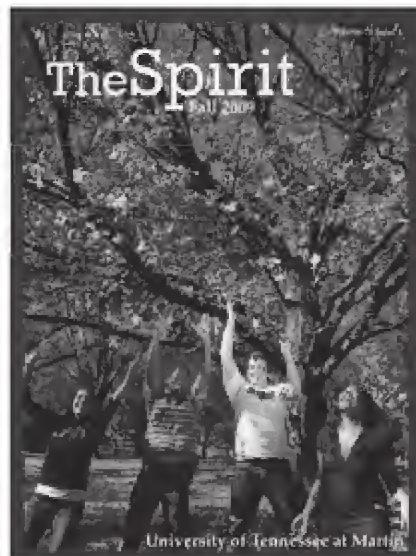
Chris Lewis of Rossville, Ga., said the rules would prohibit him from crossing into Tennessee to take his six snakes, including Zoey, a seven-foot dwarf Burmese python, and Chloe, a female albino Burmese python approaching eight feet, to the veterinarian.

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rights. Corporations still cannot give directly to candidates, but the limits on ad spending that were in place were struck down. This means that McDonalds, Wal-Mart, health insurance corporations, defense contractors, or pretty much any corporation you can think of will be able to reach into their vast coffers and potentially buy out every commercial slot on a given television or radio station for several days leading up to an election. The potential amount of corruption this unleashes on national and even state elections is disturbing and, frankly, disgusts me."

Richard Garlitz, Assistant Professor of History, shared his view on the Obama administration and its foreign policies - a topic often lost in today's debate over healthcare and the economy.

"According to the President, leaving Iraq frees the U.S. to refocus its priorities in the War on Terror: 'As we take the fight to al Qaeda, we are responsibly leaving Iraq to its people.' It's been nearly seven years since President Bush proclaimed 'Mission Accomplished' in Iraq. Yet, during that time, the United States was forced to spend hundreds of billions of tax-payer dollars and lost over four thousand American lives rooting out extremists from a nation where they did not operate before the U.S.-led invasion. It is time to leave the crusades behind and concentrate resources on real threats to our security," Garlitz said.

"The President also vowed to put pressure on Afghanistan to improve its own security and to safeguard the rights of all Afghans - men and women alike." It is a laudable and necessary goal, but it will be a difficult challenge in a nation where the government does not enjoy popular confidence," Garlitz argued that Ameri-



can values and ideals should lead foreign policies into the new decade.

"The most important component of the President's foreign policy remarks came in his discussion of values, not Democratic or Republican, but shared American values: 'Let's reject the false choice between protecting our people and upholding our values ... Abroad, America's greatest source of strength has always been our ideals,'" Garlitz said.

"Those values - liberty, justice, and rule of law, have to guide our nation's foreign policy. It will do little good to hunt down every member of al Qaeda if our use of force is so reckless as to nudge more disaffected youth toward extremism. We cannot credibly talk about - let alone accomplish - democracy and human rights promotion if we ourselves trample on the rule of law and basic human rights," Garlitz said.

"Finally, the War on Terror will not and cannot be a unilateral action. It affects the entire world and requires the world's cooperation. For those reasons, the President emphasized his administration's prohibition on torture and efforts to strengthen international partnerships."

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News

Bredesen tells state painful cuts unavoidable

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Gov. Phil Bredesen said Monday night that he plans to use the state's reserves to spare some state jobs and key services but he stressed that painful cuts will be unavoidable and hundreds of state employees may be laid off.

The Democratic governor detailed his plans during his eighth and final State of the State address.

"We've had a share of easy years and tough years," said Bredesen, who received an unusually long standing ovation before speaking. "By any standard these past two years have been extraordinary. This coming one will be as well."

His \$28.41 billion budget proposal — a 5.1 percent reduction from the current year — includes a fee increase for driver's licenses, a cable tax and \$394 million in cuts to recurring spending plans, including \$201 million from TennCare, the state's expanded Medicaid program.

However, the governor said he plans to soften the blow by dipping into the state's roughly \$900 million in cash reserves. It will be the second consecutive year Bredesen has used some of the rainy day money, something he's tried to avoid in the past.

"I believe we are in a strong enough position and it is raining hard enough that we can use some reserves to soften the worst of some of these cuts," he said.



Senate Speaker Ron Ramsey said he believes the governor's budget is responsible.

"We can't print money like Washington, D.C.," said the Blountville Republican. "We have to live within our means, and I think we're doing that the best we can."

Bredesen said about 1,363 state workers may be laid off. However, he's hoping to use about \$200 million in reserves over the next two years to preserve about 400 of those jobs. He also wants to use reserves to keep in place important services, such as a safety net program for the mentally ill.

Democratic House Minority Leader Gary Odom of Nashville said preserving services for people with mental illness is "very important."

"All in all, I think the approach that has been taken is the right approach," he said. "Now we just have to

get down to the details. The devil's in the details."

Bredesen said the TennCare changes will apply more to institutions than the roughly 1.2 million people enrolled in the program. In 2005, Bredesen cut 170,000 people from TennCare to save the state money.

Tony Garr, director of the Tennessee Health Care Campaign, said the state could avoid some of those cuts if it raised more revenue. For instance, he said money could be gained by closing "corporate loopholes" in Tennessee.

"You just can't do it all with reserves and cuts," Garr said.

The budget reflects a \$1.5 billion reduction in federal stimulus money compared to the current year.

"We were all very aware that these funds would disappear at the end of December this year, and have carefully planned how we transition from using those funds to once again standing on our own," Bredesen said.

However, the plan does include some new spending. For instance, \$165 million will be used to give state workers a 3 percent bonus, \$82 million will go toward the state retirement plan and \$11 million is allotted to restore land and soil conservation funds.

The governor also said he's pleased to be able to fully fund the state's education funding formula, or Basic Education Program.

"To achieve that, we had to make one commonsense adjustment and froze the growth in the capital outlay component this year," he said.

Sen. Jamie Woodson, a Knoxville Republican and member of the Senate Education Committee, said fully funding the BEP is sensible because of recent steps the state has taken to raise its education standards.

"I think this gives us an opportunity to move forward with preparing students for this global economy," she said.

Finance Commissioner Dave Goetz said earlier Monday that the driver's license fee increase — from \$19.50 for five years to \$46 for eight years — is necessary for a new driver's license issuance system and the purchase of better communication equipment for state troopers. It's expected to generate \$22 million.

"We have troopers who are using their cell phones to be able to communicate when they're in certain areas where our radio system does not reach," Goetz said. "We need a new radio system for the troopers."

The tax legislation includes cable services, cable boxes and interstate and international telecommunications sold to businesses and is expected to raise about \$50 million, according to state officials.

Colbert corners potential U.S. Senate candidate Harold Ford Jr. on gay marriage, abortion rights

NEW YORK (AP) — Stephen Colbert grilled potential U.S. Senate candidate Harold Ford Jr. on Monday about his shifting beliefs on gay marriage and abortion rights, while Ford defended himself as open-minded to change.

During an appearance taped for Monday night's "The Colbert Report" on Comedy Central, the fake pundit ribbed the former Tennessee congressman for only recently moving to New York state, where he's considering challenging Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand in the Democratic primary.

"Evidently six minutes at my interview table counts as New York state residency," Colbert said.

Ford, who represented a

Tennessee district in Congress for 10 years, moved to New York City after losing the 2006 U.S. Senate race there. He had repeatedly described himself as "pro-life" in Tennessee and had explicitly said he was "not pro-choice."

But now Ford, eyeing a run in more left-leaning New York state, says he has always supported abortion rights.

"Did you change from not pro-choice to pro-choice?" Colbert asked. "Was that your choice?"

Ford said he was trying to use the political language differently in Tennessee, wanting to expand the definition of "pro-life" to apply to other issues, such as "health care and veterans' benefits."

And on gay marriage, Ford said he simply changed his

mind.

As a congressman, he voted in support of a constitutional amendment to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

"Over the last few years I've come to a different opinion, and I'm for marriage equality," Ford said. "If you're for politicians who are static in thinking, I'm not your guy."

Colbert complimented Ford for taunting the New York press with confusing explanations he has given about his positions.

"You're saying these things in the media capital of the world, New York City — gotcha town," Colbert said. "And you're saying, 'Come and gotcha me.'"



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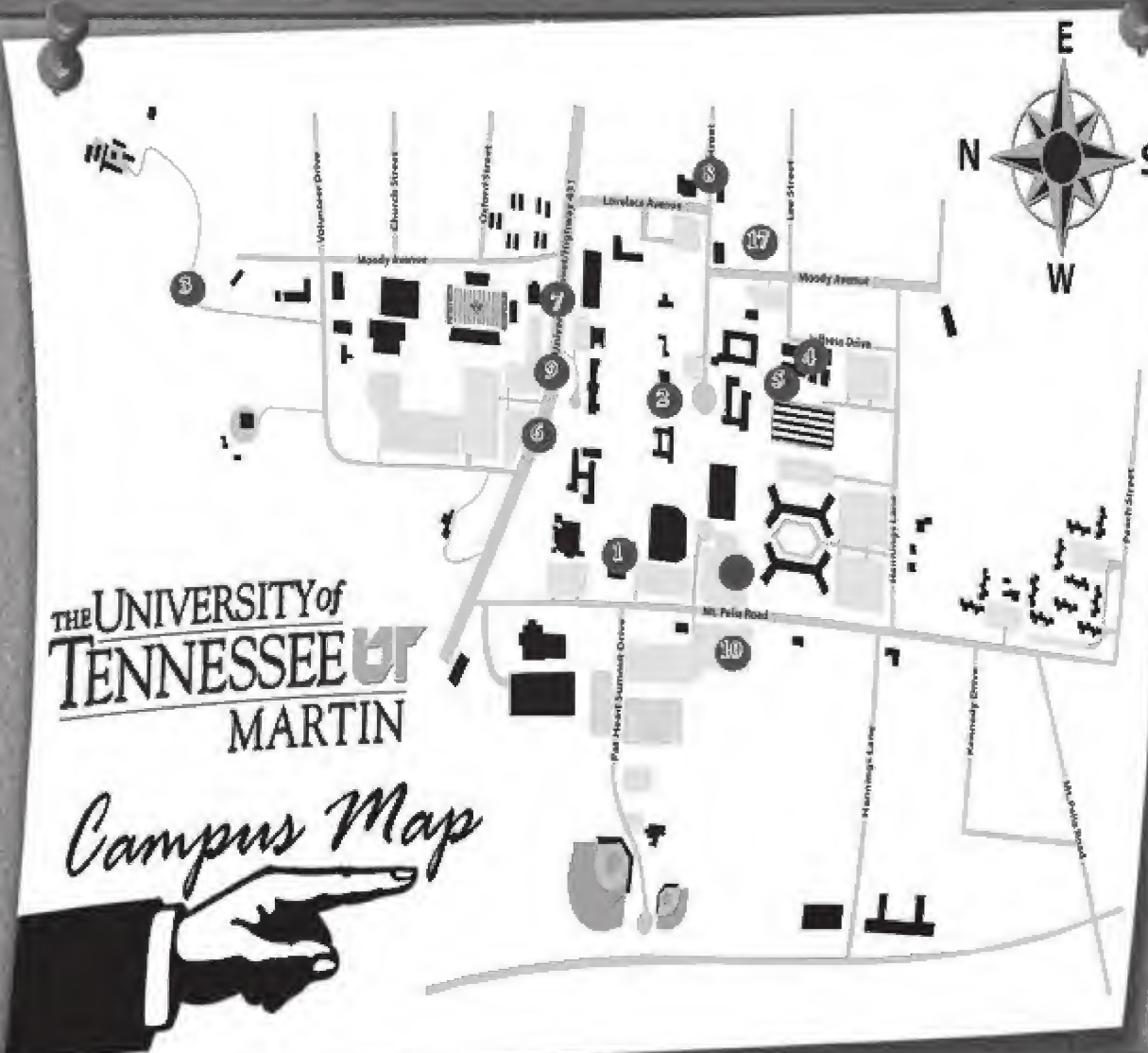
"Let's Talk Greek" is a weekly show that discusses anything and everything related to Greek Life. This week's guest will be the Interfraternity Council Recruitment Chair, Justin Totty. Let's Talk Greek airs every Thursday at 10 am and noon.

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- 3 1-23-10 at 11:04 pm-Farm Road-Report of a traffic accident involving one vehicle. Report on file.
- 4 1-25-10 at 6:39 pm-Union Village "A" Unit-Report of a subject who was receiving harassing phone calls. The caller was contacted and advised to stop making the calls.
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- 6 1-25-10 at 11:49 am-Union Street-Subject issued a citation for a seatbelt violation. (City Court)
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- 10 1-26-10 at 9:15 pm-Lot 23 (Rec Center)-Subject reported the theft of personal property. Investigation continues.

From the office of Public Safety:

We are noticing an increase in the number of contacts we make with members of the campus community that have "no proof of current vehicle insurance" with them at the time of the incident.

Please understand that anytime an officer has reason to meet with someone and their vehicle is involved (i.e. traffic stop, traffic accident etc.), the officer is required by state law to ask for current proof of vehicle insurance and if the driver cannot produce proof, the officer is required to issue a citation.

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Campus Bulletin Board

Times Talk

Heidi Huse, Assistant Professor of English and Modern Foreign Languages, will be moderating the topic "Volunteering: What's In It For Me?" Issues will include: "Are humans born wanting to help others?" "Celebrity charity and its effects on us" and "The benefits of volunteering to get a job." Wednesday at noon.

PSEPP

The Personal Safety Empowerment Program Project (PSEPP) invites you to visit their Web site. PSEPP provides advocacy and an entry portal for students who have been victims of sexual assault or stalking.

Faculty Women's Club

Each year the Faculty Women's Club awards three scholarships to outstanding females in the

junior class. If you have a 3.5 GPA or better, your name has been submitted to the FWC as a possible candidate for one of these scholarships. Please watch for your application to arrive in the mail at your home address. Feb. 10 is the deadline to apply if you wish to be considered.

Phi Kappa Phi Lecture

Phi Kappa Phi invites you to attend the Muriel Tomlinson Lecture at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, in the

Watkins Auditorium. Dr. Chris Hill of the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages will be the speaker. The topic is "I cannot keep decorum personae": A Renaissance Rhetoric of Strife.

LifeLine Blood Drive

The first Lifeline Blood Drive of the semester will take place Feb. 3-4 at the University Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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A Quiet Dignity: Photographer Earl Warren Jr. visits UTM

Regina Emery
Asst. Life Editor

"I got low blood pressure and my fingers are cold, but I can still get it to work," he said, oblivious of his own humor. In all honesty, I did not expect the Pulitzer Prize-nominated photographer from Kentucky to be using an iPhone. Heck, I can't even work one. But when you're talking to Earl Warren Jr., you can't really expect anything of the ordinary.

Some friends and I met with Warren last week for dinner at the local Hearth restaurant to discuss his art exhibit, "A Quiet Dignity: Documentary Photographs of the Rural South 1970-2008," currently on display in the Paul Meek Library.

Based on the photographs, all primarily in black and white and depicting a portion of novel America long lost and swept under a rug, I expected a man disgruntled with the demise of the Norman Rockwell-esque Americana. Instead, we spent an hour and a half with a man who personifies the word spontaneity and truly knows who he is.

Warren began his career as a Physics student at Murray State University, introduced to the art of photography by chance. Working in the lab, he and a few other students were taught to develop film. From there, photography was self-taught.

"I remember sitting there in class, with my pencil and notebook out, trying to learn

and the teacher writing all sorts of stuff on the board. And I just thought to myself, I don't want to be here," recalls Warren.

Fast-forward a few decades later and after careers with both the *Tallahassee Democrat* and serving as the state of Tennessee's Official Photographer, Warren comes from his nook in South Fulton to the same diner each night for dinner.

"Well the food's good and they take care of me here," he explains.

Simple enough of an answer for a man whose photographs capture greatness in simplicity. Take, for example, "Dennis Walker and Hot Rod" (my personal favorite in the exhibition), a photo of a

Kentucky man reclining on a porch with his dog. Warren spent the day with the man, known as a local "character," chatting and clicking. And though the two have long passed — in fact, Walker and his beloved dog are buried beside each other — their bond is immortalized in Warren's portfolio.

"Characters" seem to be a staple in the show. Several of the photos are varying portraits of the same individuals, yet each is astounding in its own regard, be it in a conveyed sense of pride or in apparent struggles.

Equally as breathtaking are the landscapes, from the "Prelude to a Snowball Fight" to "View from Bluff Road," both of which provide an

amately creative view of the otherwise overlooked.

A true sign of the times, Warren's most famously recognized photograph is probably that of Dexter King's visit to a Tennessee state prison hospital to meet James Earl Ray, the man convicted of murdering King's father, the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

But only Warren could tell you that, had it not been for a smoke break with a security guard outside, he would have never been allowed the opportunity to take that great shot — one that was picked up by the Associated Press and ran in *The New York Times*.

And as we finished our meals and headed out, Warren's spontaneity surprised us once

more. "I may be headed down to Mississippi tonight," he said. "Why?" we asked.

"Well, there's that storm supposed to be coming, and it's only a three-hour drive. Why not?" he said.

The exhibit runs until Feb. 26, giving students plenty of time to view it, which I highly recommend. It also is running during Black History Month — very fitting, given much of its content.

If you can't find any other reason to visit the library, then this is it. With absolute conviction I say that there is truly something here to leave an impression on everyone.

Paper photos/ Rex Stoker

UTM hypnotized, rocked with laughter at latest 9:09

Marquita Douglas
Asst. News Editor

"The campus of UTM was hypnotized this week. Presented to the students by SAC as the "Hippiest Hypnotist," many eager students piled in to catch a glimpse, or just see if it is possible someone can be hypnotized by Tom Deluca.

Deluca set out his show by entertaining the audience with a few jokes, and at the same time selecting random student spectators to come onto the stage to be hypnotized. Hands waved, feet stomped and many cheered as Deluca called on 20 very enthusiastic and willing

audience members.

Before the performance began, Deluca promised his audience members that they would be way more entertained than the lucky chosen ones on stage. It is safe to say Deluca kept his promise to the audience. He also told his 20 participants on stage that they would end this experiment with the feeling that they had slept for eight hours.

While Deluca asked for silence from the audience so he could get his participants to enter what he called a "deep sleep and the most relaxing state of mind possible," spectators looked around with waiting eyes to see if the

participants would really enter a deep sleep.

With Deluca whispering to the audience to mentally count backward from 20, and soft music playing in the background, the audience could see the participants getting sleepy. Almost in unison, the participants fell in a deep sleep after Deluca counted to three and said sleep.

After most of the participants' heads dropped, one who was not hypnotized was escorted off stage.

The participants did all types of ridiculous and very entertaining gestures, and said some of the funniest things that they probably normally

would not do. From thinking that they were driving a Ferrari, to thinking they were on a chase with the police, to even fishing on a lake, there was never a dull moment throughout the whole show.

Before every new trick or setup that the participants were being put through, Deluca would put them back in a deep sleep.

Deluca had his participants awaken to the thought that they had not had a single bite to eat in the past 24 hours and only had ice cream in front of them as an option to eat. The mere sight of the idea had the audience ready to laugh. The participants did some of the

most hilarious gestures as they all devoured their ice cream.

As some participants almost fell out of their seats from being in such a deep sleep, Deluca kept the show going.

The participants were made to think that they had been entered in a weightlifting contest, and had to grease their muscular bodies with grease.

With "I'm too sexy" by the band Right Said Fred playing in the background, one student declared to Deluca and the audience that he was "tipped up like Rambo." Audience members cheered as all participants gave their best weightlifting competition poses.

As the show drew to a close, the excitement did not stop. From four students dancing with what they thought was a woodoo doll to the tune "Stayin' Alive" by the Bee Gees, while another student gave CPR to an apple, to three other students who thought they were finalists in what Deluca called "The National Shake Your Body Contest," the audience laughed and hollered.

After losing four participants, Deluca closed the show and brought all the students back from being hypnotized to face a laughing and wildly cheering audience.

Point/Counterpoint: *The Pacer's* review crew double-teams 'Darkness'

Trevor Smith
Spencer Taylor

Did the film accomplish what you feel it set out to do?

Trevor: Honestly, no. The movie had me intrigued at first, but at a certain point I felt like I had watched parts of three separate films. It tried so hard to combine a sympathetic overtone to Gibson's character, but it more often than not got in its own way with pacing issues. Also, Ray Winstone's character quite overshadowed Gibson's in a film that, by structure, was supposed to feature Tom Craven (Gibson) more prominently.

Spencer: As far as advertised, I feel that "Edge of Darkness" billed itself as a "whodunit" thriller, and it accomplished in that regard. As far as the development of Tom Craven (Mel Gibson) into a man who had nothing to lose, I was disappointed. When I think of the character type of the reckless individual who indeed has nothing to lose, I think of performances like Michael Douglas in "Falling Down" or maybe Denzel Washington in "Man on Fire." To me, Craven never really tipped the scale into total disregard. There were a few parts in this film that made you want to cheer for his reckless abandon, but you never say, "Wow, this dude has totally gone overboard."

How would you rate Mel Gibson's performance in the film?

Spencer: While I'm not the Mel Gibson enthusiast that Trevor is, I would have to rate Mel Gibson's performance pretty high, say 8 out of 10. It's certainly not his best, but I generally have enough respect for Mel Gibson and I appreciate his acting abilities.

Trevor: Mel Gibson can do no wrong in my eyes. And, yes, I am completely biased. Totally fine with it. A 10 out of 10.

Was the film able to hold your attention throughout the entire film? If not, why?

Trevor: No. Each time it would cut to an excerpt from the home videos of Gibson's character, I decided to examine my fingernails for length and any dirt beneath them. I also found some of the actors in smaller roles distracting. I understand they might have felt compelled to go big with heavyweights like Mel Gibson and Ray Winstone sharing the screen, but it did take me out of the moment.

Spencer: While the pacing of the film was horrible, I felt that the film's greatest asset was the emotional sway it held over the audience. I'm not a softie, but the scenes where Mel Gibson hallucinates talking to his toddler-aged daughter were hard to watch. This wasn't my most anticipated film of the year by any stretch



of the imagination, but on into the movie I felt sincerely concerned about the outcome and how Craven would fare in his quest for vengeance. As I mentioned earlier, the pacing

of the film was awful. Fifteen minutes in, I was generally impressed by the fast tempo of the film, and I began to anticipate great things from this film. After another half hour, the film slowed to a crawl and I began to wonder how I could stand it any longer.

Was the plot-line what you expected? Elaborate.

Spencer: While the overall plot of the film was pretty unoriginal, a few twists and turns were thrown into the film to keep it entertaining. This hit a brick wall in the final half hour of the movie when the twists and semi-finales built up so that when the credits rolled, you still weren't entirely sure what the hell had happened. I reference this mostly to Ray Winstone's character.

Trevor: This movie definitely falls into the category of films that show you way too much footage in the trailer. It also sticks to the formula of most movies Mel Gibson stars in, and a character he should know well. The Mel Gibson Checklist: An accent? Check. Weapons? Check. A loved one torn away? Check.

Overall, was the film a bit or miss and why?

Trevor: I would definitely recommend seeing "Edge of Darkness" because it is an entertaining film overall. The performances of Mel Gibson and Ray Winstone make it

well worth your eight bucks. However, from a directorial standpoint I'm not sure that Martin Campbell's vision was right for this script. I felt he paced the film awkwardly, and interrupted any flow he was establishing with some awkward choices in photography. It certainly wasn't the best film I saw in January.

Spencer: I would have to say miss. Despite the strong acting of Mel Gibson and the emotional strength of the film, the film was just so poorly executed in pacing and style, especially toward the end of the film. What's more, the film would probably lose value over time - once you've seen it and know how it ends, there isn't much reason to see it again.

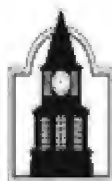
I was let down most by the fact Martin Campbell directed this film. I hold him in high regard for giving us arguably two of the best Bond films in "Goldeneye" and "Casino Royale," but the pacing issues in "Darkness" just cannot be excused.

While I know Craven isn't a Bruce Lee or a James Bond, I also felt that this film could have used more fight sequences. The one (and I mean one) hand-to-hand fight that occurs within the film was really well done and most of all, shot well.

Trevor says spend eight bucks; I say rent it.

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Sports

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Skyhawks soar past Murray

Dustin Kenton
Pacer Writer

In the midst of extremely cold weather and a winter storm advisory, somehow The University of Tennessee at Martin women's basketball team was able to catch fire from the field and defeat Murray State 77-65. Helping to lead the Skyhawks to the win were Cali Cupples and LaBria Ward, both of who had career-highs in scoring.

The Skyhawks were able to get on the board first on their first possession by way of a pair of free throws from Alecia Weatherly. The Racers quickly answered though with a three-pointer from Kayla Vance on their first possession, marking the first of six lead changes for the night.

After Weatherly's game-opening free throwing, Cupples scored eight consecutive points for the Skyhawks, including a three-pointer to retake the lead 8-5 early in the first half. Later, following an Erica Glisson three to push the Skyhawk lead to four, Murray State went on a 5-0 run to retake the lead 17-16 with 7:20 remaining in the first half. But the Skyhawks answered quickly with an 11-0 run of their own to retake the lead 27-17 with 4:37 left in the first half, marking the largest lead by either team in the half.

Going into halftime the Skyhawks lead Murray State 33-27, but the Racers made an immediate run coming out of the locker room in the second half and were able to cut the Skyhawk lead to just 1 within the first two minutes of play. But just as they did all night, the Skyhawks answered with a push of their own: as Darnisha Lyles made a three point play following a pair of Weatherly free throws to extend the Skyhawks lead back to six.

"We played solid defense and were very good at the free throw line."

-UTM head coach
Kevin McMillan



Trevor Ruszkowski/University Relations

Freshman Cali Cupples had a career-high 22 points on 7-8 shooting, including 6-8 from three, to lead the Skyhawks to victory last Saturday against Murray State.

"We shot the ball very well tonight and did a great job with all the little things it takes to win."

-UTM head coach
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Murray State eventually managed to tie the game at 42-41 following a three pointer by Kayla Lowe with 14:25 remaining. Then, after swapping a pair of baskets, Weatherly put the Skyhawks back on top for good by way of a three point play with 11:30 left to go in the second half. Helping to seal the deal for the Skyhawks was Darnisha Lyles, who hit six consecutive free throws down the stretch and was a perfect eight-for-eight on day from the charity stripe, as UTM closed out Murray State 77-65.

Cupples went a perfect six-for-six on the night from the three point line and finished with a career best 22 points to go along with Wards 23 points, which matched her career best. Weatherly also chipped in 13 points for the Skyhawks to go along with her 8 rebounds, and Lyles added 12 points of her own, giving the Skyhawks four scorers in the double-digits. As a team the Skyhawks shot 58 percent from the field and 71 percent from the three point line, while Murray State on the other hand shot only 33 percent from the field.

"We shot the ball very well tonight and did a great job with all the little things it takes to win," said UTM head coach Kevin McMillan.

"We played solid defense and were very good at the free throw line, which is exactly what at teams with such a small margin of error like us has to do."

With this win the Skyhawks improve to 5-15 overall and 3-7 in the OVC while Murray State drops to 9-12 overall and 4-6 in OVC play. UTM will return to play on Feb. 4 when it hosts defending OVC Tournament Champion Austin Peay at 5:30 p.m. at Skyhawk Arena.

Column:
What
are you
doing this
Sunday?

Josh Weiss
Sports Editor

It's the first week of February. It's such an eventful time in American culture.

Per the age old tradition, Purusutawney Phil will creep out of his little hole on Gobbler's Knob and, depending on the relative altitude of the Sun or if it's just really cloudy, will decide whether or not he sees his shadow and casts six more weeks of winter on us here in the USA.

People are busy in their kitchens, baking carrot cakes to celebrate National Carrot Cake Day on Feb. 3, or maybe you prefer Homeade Soup Day on Feb. 4, or, my personal favorite, Fettuccine Alfredo Day on Feb. 7. (Bet you didn't know all of those holidays existed...)

The chaos of the Christmas season has died down, only to be replaced by the hubbub that is Valentine's Day.

Thousands of guys everywhere now scramble to scrounge up the money to buy an "acceptable" gift so as to still be "in a relationship" on Feb. 15. (Yes, that's a Facebook reference...)

However, amongst all of this, some 94 million Americans will all sit down on Feb. 7 to watch what is the biggest television event of all time, the Super Bowl.

Some will tune in for the game because they are die-hard football fans. Faces painted and foam fingers on in the middle of their living room, they are the ones with NFL Sunday Ticket who watch six games at one time and never miss a minute of the action.

Others, we all know them, will go to their respective Super Bowl gatherings strictly for the social interaction. They can't tell you the difference between offense or defense, how much a touchdown is worth or how they get that "little yellow line to move down the field the whole game." (All jokes aside... I've actually been asked that question before.) but they'll still talk the whole freaking game, and only during the important times. Nobody talks during the first quarter. We are all still eating. However, once the fourth quarter rolls around and these people have had just one, two or six too many, (here's no telling what may come out of their mouth at the most inopportune of times, and heaven forbid if you don't have Tito).

More watch for one other reason... COMMERCIALS! Super Bowl commercials are great and they know it. Therefore, they take their bathroom and food breaks during the game so they don't miss the new Budweiser, FedEx or Geico commercials, and, at the end of the night, they are the ones who are most disappointed because somehow it never fails that "the commercials last year were so much better."

However, each of these people play a roll in making the Super Bowl the event that it is, and each is vital in making your Super Bowl function... well... function.

So, break out the Tostitos, cocktail weenies, corn dog nuggets and chicken wings, put your 12-pack of whatever (We won't judge...) on ice, invite some friends over and enjoy the game.

Men's basketball struggles on national stage



Trevor Ruszkowski/University Relations

Left: Freshman Terrence Coleman goes in for a layup against Murray State. Coleman had a rough shooting outing, going 3-14 from floor for just eight points to go along with his team-high 11 boards.



Right: Freshman Zach Jones attacks the rim in last Saturday's loss to Murray State. Jones finished the game with eight points and a pair of steals.



Trevor Ruszkowski/University Relations

'Code Orange' event not enough to spur UTM to victory on ESPN

Trevor Smith
Asst. Sports Editor

The Skyhawk men's team fell behind early and was never able to find its way in a 77-45 loss against Murray State on Saturday, a game nationally televised on ESPN-U.

The Skyhawks shot less than 25 percent (15-61) from the field compared to Murray State's 57 percent (30-53). The Racers built up a 20 point lead on UTM before the home team converted its first field goal after missing 10. That first

field goal didn't come until junior guard Marquis Weddle hit a three-point shot with 10:18 remaining in the first half.

"Murray did a great job of taking us out of what we wanted to do offensively," said head coach Jason James.

The Skyhawks suffered through a cold shooting night overall. No player broke double-digit points, with Weddle leading all scorers on UTM's side with nine points. Two players, freshmen Terrence Coleman and Zach

Jones, followed with eight points each.

"We didn't shoot the basketball well; that had a lot to do with Murray but also had a lot to do with us not making open shots," said James. "They made every shot a tough one. The clean looks we did get were rushed and we never really felt comfortable on offense."

Murray State's vaunted defense kept the Skyhawks out of scoring position so well that the Racers' lead never dipped below 21 and peaked at 34 points twice in the

second half. They blocked 12 shots and totaled 37 rebounds throughout the game.

Playing such stout defense opened the way for junior Ivan Aska and freshman Isaiah Castan to each post 13 points for Murray, tying them for highest total for the Racers. Senior Danero Thomas also scored 11 points. All ten players on the Murray State squad scored in the contest.

"Really proud of our guys today," said Murray State head coach Bill Kennedy. "I thought we had great focus in this game

and great focus throughout the week in practice."

When addressing his team's performance on defense, coach James said, "Defensively we gave up too many easy baskets. Against a team like Murray you cannot give up as many baskets as we did and still win the game. We must get better on the defensive end."

UTM will try their luck next when they host the Austin Peay Governors tomorrow night.

"Tip off" is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Elam Center.